

A complete listing of Claims is presented for ease of reference as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The A method for consolidating computing devices, as recited in claim 1 comprising:~~

retrieving a first data set indicative of system parameters of a first computing device;

retrieving a second data set indicative of system parameters of a second computing device;

loading the first and second data sets into a relational database and comparing the system parameters by comparing the results of SQL queries on the relational database in order to determine at least one aspect of system parameters in the first data set that is different from a similar aspect of system parameters in the second data set; and

providing a visual depiction of the at least one difference whereby a user can determine whether to consolidate programs or data of the first computing device on the second computing device.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4 2 wherein the system parameters comprise at least one of: the number of processors, available processors, processor level, devices, disk drive characteristics, disk drive capacity, system name, page size, operating system version, operating system build, and network connectivity, system CPU utilization, and system memory load.

5. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4 2 wherein the system parameters of a computing device comprise information indicative of executable process parameters.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein the executable process parameters comprise at least one of: CPU utilization, memory utilization, active processes, active process dependencies, processor usage, memory usage, process creation time, process ID, process owner, process handles, process version, dependency version, process timestamp, process description, and dependency description.

7. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4 2 wherein the data set indicative of the system parameters of the first and second computing devices comprise information indicative of computing device database definition parameters.

8. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4 2 wherein the visual depiction comprises a chart indicative of the level of difference between at least one system parameter on the first and second computing devices.

9. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4 2 wherein the visual depiction comprises a textual display comparing the system parameter of the first data set with the system parameter of the second data set.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 further comprising an indicator comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set.

12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

13. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7 wherein the computing device database definition parameters comprise at least one of: database names, roles, users, aliases, defaults, rules, functions, user defined datatypes, user messages, tables, views, indexes, extended procedures, stored procedures, and triggers.

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13 further comprising an indicator comparing the database login names in the first set with the database login names in the second set.

15. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one table in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one table is present in the second data set.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one column name in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one column name is present in the second data set.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) ~~The A system as recited in claim 18 wherein the first and second data sets are stored in a~~ for consolidating computing devices,
comprising:

a relational database storing a first data set indicative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data in a first computing device and second data set indicative of characteristics at least one of hardware, software and data in a second computing device;

and wherein the computer-readable instructions for determining at least one characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the first data set that is different from one characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the second

data set compares the characteristics by way of comparing results of SQL queries on the relational database; and
computer-readable instruction stored in a memory device and capable of providing a visual depiction on an output device of the at least one different characteristic whereby the different characteristics are used to consolidate the software and data of the first computing device with the software and data of the second computing device.

20. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 48 ~~19~~ wherein the characteristics of at least one hardware, software and data in the first and second computing device comprises information indicative of system parameters.

21. (Original) The system as recited in claim 20 wherein the system parameters comprise at least one of: the number of processors, available processors, processor level, devices, disk drive characteristics, disk drive capacity, system name, page size, operating system version, operating system build, and network connectivity, system CPU utilization, and system memory load.

22. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 48 ~~19~~ wherein the characteristics of at least one hardware, software and data in the first and second computing device comprises information indicative of executable process parameters.

23. (Original) The system as recited in claim 22 wherein the executable process parameters comprise at least one of: CPU utilization, memory utilization, active processes, active process dependencies, processor usage, memory usage, process creation time, process ID, process owner, process handles, process version, dependency version, process timestamp, process description, and dependency description.

24. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 48 ~~19~~ wherein the information indicative of the characteristics of at least one hardware, software

and data in the first and second computing device comprises information indicative of computing device database definition parameters.

25. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 48 19 wherein the visual depiction comprises a chart indicative of the level of difference between at least one characteristic of at least one hardware, software and data in the first and second computing device.

26. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 48 19 wherein the visual depiction comprises a textual display comparing the characteristic of at least one hardware, software and data of the first data set with the characteristic of at least one hardware, software and data of the second data set.

27. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

28. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 further comprising an indicator comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set.

29. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

30. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 further comprising an indicator comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set.

31. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 48 19 wherein the information indicative of the characteristics of a computing device comprises computing device database definition parameters.

32. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 wherein the computing device database definition parameters comprise at least one of: database names, roles, users, aliases, defaults, rules, functions, user defined datatypes, user messages, tables, views, indexes, extended procedures, stored procedures, and triggers.

33. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 further comprising an indicator comparing the database login names in the first set with the database login names in the second set.

34. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one table in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one table is present in the second data set.

35. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one column name in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one column name is present in the second data set.

36. (Canceled)